

## BANKS OF COUNTY AID EXPERT MOVE

Those in City of Rock Island Have  
Pledged \$500 Toward Work of the  
Agricultural League.

### FARMERS DOING THEIR PART

Reports from Localities Throughout  
State Show Excellent Results Ob-  
tained by Adviser.

Banks in the city of Rock Island have pledged \$500 toward the employ- ment of a farm expert under the di- rection of the Rock Island County Ag- ricultural league and other banks in the country districts will contribute proportionately toward the employ- ment of a crop adviser. This an- nouncement made today by officers of the association, following closely up- on the favorable reports of other busi- ness organizations throughout the county who have been solicited to aid in the work of the league, is taken to indicate a county-wide sentiment in support of the object of the organiza- tion.

The amount pledged from Rock Is- land, through the Rock Island Clear- ing House association, will be collected from the various institutions upon a basis of 5 cents for each \$1,000 deposit —distributing the contribution evenly among the banks.

Reports from banks in the country district are to the effect that each one will contribute from \$25 to \$50 toward the fund. Banks in East Moline will subscribe upon the same proportionate basis as that in effect in this city and the Port Byron State bank and the Hillsdale bank have made definite pledge of contribution. The Reynolds bank, too, will give financial support to the plan, although it is already contributing to the Mercer county or- ganization, and for that reason will not be able to make such a large pledge to the Rock Island county league.

### Experts Are Successful.

Reports from counties throughout the state which have employed experts show beneficial results from the work of the crop advisers. Their endeavors combine theoretical discussions with practical results. Talks upon soil conditions are made applicable to local situations and the expert devotes his entire time to a study of the soil formation of his own county.

Recently published reports of the work in Livingston and Champaign counties show large membership lists and unanimous approval of the under- taking. In Livingston county the third year of the work brought the mem- bership up to 361 and every member had a practical map of the soil of his farm and over 2,000 fields were surveyed in completing this work. Clover was be- ing grown upon 35 per cent of the total acreage for soil improvement and the work of the expert, devoted hereto- fore to farm management, has pro- gressed to such a degree that the re- lation of livestock to profitable farm management is being taken up. Esti- mates showed that sufficient rough feed was going to waste annually to feed 1,000,000 lambs. These and other important features were discussed at 59 public meetings and 12 public ag- ricultural observation parties. Oat smut eradication, clover and alfalfa growing and wheat return were fea- tures of the annual report. Success in oat smut eradication attended 92.2 per cent of the farms where it was at- tempted. The general average of wheat per acre in the county was 27.5 bushels, while nine fields sown on soil treated with rock phosphate averaged 36 bushels.

### In Champaign County.

In Champaign county it is estimated that treatment for oat smut alone to- taled \$6,000 on about half the total acreage of the county. Treated fields showed an increase of 5.7 bushels over the untreated fields. Estimates of the expert show that the increase of alfalfa planting reached 4,000 acres and used for pasture for cattle, hogs and sheep. During the year the ex- pert spoke at 53 meetings, addressing 5,800 people in addition to 21,773 calls, individual letters, distribution of Uni- ted States bulletins and observation trips. In cultivation of wheat fields the adviser attained marked success.

### GOOD WORK.

Proper Food Makes Marvelous  
Changes.

Providence is sometimes credited with directing the footsteps by so sim- ple a way as the reading of a food advertisement.

A lady in Missouri writes, "I was compelled to retire from my school teaching because I was broken down with nervous prostration.

"I suffered agony in my back and was in a dreadfully nervous condition, irritable, with a dull, heavy headache continually, had no appetite and could scarcely digest anything. I was un- able to remember what I read and was, of course, unfit for my work.

"One day, as if by providence, I read the testimonial of a lady whose sym- toms were much the same as mine, and she told of how Grape-Nuts food had helped her, so I concluded to try it.

"I began with Grape-Nuts, a little fruit, and a cup of Postum. I steadily improved in both body and mind. Grape-Nuts has done more for me than all the medicine I have ever taken. I am now well again and able to do anything necessary in my work.

"My mind is clearer and my body stronger than ever before. "There's a Reason." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.—(Adv.)

although the results of the year were not obtainable at the time the report was published. In every instance treated fields showed an increase and gain over untreated ones with a cor- responding larger return from the crop.

## ABANDON VILLA PURSUIT IN MEXICO

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of the advanced columns will be given a much needed rest.

General Scott is expected to return to Washington in a few days.

### Americans in Clash

Early today the El Paso police re- ceived a report that fighting had be- gun between Carranza and American forces at Satevo.

According to the police here the in- formation came from influential sources in Juarez. The police believe the report to be true. It was stated that several negro soldiers had been killed in the fight.

At Fort Bliss nothing had been heard of the reported clash at Satevo. An immediate investigation was started.

### Small Bands Causing Trouble.

Anxiety expressed in the news of re- newed activity of the numerous small bands of bandits who are roving about northern Chihuahua.

In the mysterious manner in which news is transmitted in Mexico, in re- gions where there are neither rail- roads, telegraphs or telephones, the peons have heard that the American troops are to be withdrawn from Mex- ico. The halting of the operations of the expeditionary force has confirmed their belief in the truth of the story which they have interpreted as a crushing defeat of the "gringos."

As far as is known here none of these bands number more than 15 or 20 men and the majority of them are much smaller. Their importance, as seen by army officers, is that their depredations will drive the masses of the people, already almost destitute, to desperation and a serious outbreak will occur which will involve the American soldiers.

### News Welcomed at Border.

El Paso waited eagerly today for some enlightenment from Washington as to the plans of the army depart- ment. So far as the border is con- cerned the news that the troops were not to be withdrawn from Mexico, at least for the present, was most wel- come but there was considerable specu- lation as to what yesterday's an- nouncement from Washington really meant.

An American who is considered one of the best authorities in El Paso on Mexico and the Mexicans, expressed the opinion today that a campaign of comparative inaction might prove very effective in the long run.

"If the main body of the troops can be utilized for the support of mobile detachments, held merely for the pur- pose of running down rumors, Villa will be caught ultimately," he said. "For the time being the bandit seems to have disappeared. Soon or later, though, he will reappear."

### New Clothes Sent to Soldiers.

One question bothering the military authorities has been the rehabilitating of those troops whose clothes have been worn to shreds in their strenuous rides after Villa. Two carloads of clothing have been sent south, via Col- umbus, however, and these have been flanked by a shipment of 5,000 pairs of shoes, 10,000 pairs of hose, 4,000 over- shirts and 2,000 pairs of gloves, sent to Columbus to be forwarded as need- ed. It will be only a short time until all the men in need of new clothing will be entirely reoutfitted.

Field Headquarters in Mexico, April 21, by aeroplane to Columbus, N. M., April 24.—Delivery of one plug of to- bacco from an aeroplane for a second lieutenant in a patrol out in the hills a few days ago was mistaken by the command for the arrival of official or- ders. The aeroplane did not stop at the post which the patrol was holding but as it flew over along one of the regular aero routes above this patrol, the plug of tobacco was tossed out with a yard long strip of white cloth attached to make its descent conspic- uous. The officer in charge of the command ordered out a detail of mounted men which in regular forma- tion, surrounded the white object. Then an orderly was detailed to go in and pick up the valuable message. It is not known here who got the plug. A Villista, wounded in one of the fights with American troops and brought here for medical attention, died, his burial taking place yester- day.

### Negroes Compose Song.

A marching song has been com- posed by negro cavalrymen who have seen hard service in the Villa chase. The lines follow:

"It's a long way to America,  
It's a long way to go,  
It's a long way to America,  
To the sweetest girl I know.  
Goodbye Fort Huachuca,  
Farewell to Douglas town.  
For we are way down here in Mexico,  
And we are going to run Villa down.  
Over the hills of Casas Grandes,  
Through the trail of the lonesome pine,  
Over the hills of Casas Grandes,  
They are very hard to climb.  
But we are way down here in Mexico,  
And we have done run Villa down."

### Mexican Mayor Suicides.

Columbus, N. M., April 24.—A story of the suicide of the mayor of a Mex- ican village, who chose death at his own hands in preference to living as an American hostage, was brought here today by a widely known Amer- ican returning from a business trip in Mexico. The story, dramatic in its details, was verified, he said, by sev- eral expeditionary officers who re- gard the attitude of the Mexican as typical of that of some of the more ignorant peons.

The Mexican, presidente of a squalid adobe village along the American line of communication, together with an-

## PENCIL COMPANY TOGET CONTRACT

Local Concern Will Be Awarded Work  
For Providing and Installing  
Rock Island Street Signs.

### WILL NEED 100 IRON UPRIGHTS

At 400 Corners Only Bracket and  
Markers Will Be Needed, as Posts  
Are at Present Located.

Close figuring on the part of the Rock Island municipal commis- sion as to the needs of the city for the new street signs today determined which of two local firms had the low- est bid.

After consideration of the proposals it was announced that the commis- sion practically had decided to award the contract to the Rock Island Advertis- ing Pencil company. The Electric Machinery & Construction company's offer practically was identical with that of the successful bidder, save in price of posts, of which there will be 100 installed.

The commission figured that there are 400 corners in Rock Island where there are at present either iron or wood posts to which brackets may be attached, and thus the city would not be compelled to purchase uprights for the signs on these corners. There are 100 corners where iron posts will be needed.

According to the figures of the com- mission, by accepting the bid of the pencil company, it is receiving the signs \$120 cheaper than the price of- fered by the Electric Machinery & Construction company. The pencil company's bid will amount to \$1,460 and the other concern \$1,580. The bids of the Tri-City Number company and of Burdick & Co. of Chicago were not considered, as both were higher than those of the local concerns.

### Pick Enamel Sign.

The commission has picked a blue enamel sign, the letters to be in white. Four plates will be placed on each bracket—two for the street and two for the avenue.

other native, was taken prisoner by American cavalrymen, according to the story, after snipers, who have menaced American columns, had been traced to the village.

Given an army mess kit at meal time, the presidente seized a small sharp knife, and, baring his breast, folded his arms and pressed the knife underneath them into his heart be- fore his guards could stop him. Mean- while, the other hostage attempted to escape and was shot so seriously that he died shortly afterward.

### Snipers Are Active.

Snipers have been particularly ac- tive in the last week in the district between Namiqualpa and El Valle, al- though few of their bullets found their marks, the American said. The military authorities served warning on the jefes of some of the communi- ties that summary action would fol- low further activity. When the warn- ing was disregarded, two men were taken from a village, which the ranch- man said was Las Cruces, to be held as hostages pending against a repeti- tion of the offense.

The ranchman also said that Major Frank Tomkins, who suffered a flesh wound in the right breast at Parral, is rapidly recovering, as is Lieuten- ant James Ord, who was shot through the left ear.

The expeditionary force was fur- ther strengthened today by the dis- patch of a column of infantry. A band, the first to enter Mexico with the expeditionary forces, played marching songs from the head of a column nearly a mile long, as it cross- ed the border. Unofficially, it was learned that at least a part of the detachment is bound for an advanced point along the American line.

### Had Map on Body.

The only activity reported from the front today were renewed efforts to exterminate the scattered bands of Villistas which, learning of the halt in the American operations, appar- ently have become more daring in their forays. A detailed map of Col- umbus and the military reservation here found on the body of a Mexican killed in a sortie across the frontier following the raid just has been brought to light, according to a story brought to the border today. The map, according to the story, showed the roads leading into Columbus and the location of the principal business houses and designated homes of var- ious officers of the American com- mand.

Only meagre conflicting reports seeped across the border today, but these agreed that the inactivity of the American troops in the field contin- ued. At the base camp, concentration of supplies and troops continued, al- though numerous rumors were cur- rent that plans are under way for the transfer of the base to some other point eastward along the border.

### LICENSED TO WED

Virnie L. Heithier.....Canton, Mo.  
Mrs. Lucretia Goldsberry.....  
.....Columbus Junction, Iowa  
Arthur F. W. Lenz.....Rock Island  
Miss Hazel Huntley.....Rock Island  
Ernest Larson.....Moline  
Miss Anna Anderson.....Moline  
Arthur Popp.....Davenport  
Miss Lettie Newerk.....Davenport  
Alfred Bood.....Galesburg  
Mrs. Cora M. Barstram.....Galesburg

### Eureka Lodge at Service.

Eastern services of Eureka lodge No. 13, Knights Templar, colored Masons, were held yesterday morning at the Bethel A. M. E. church in Davenport. Thirty members attended.

# Sweeping Sacrifice Sale at M. & K. Rock Island

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